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Ecology Now protests Mitsubishi Corp.

By Greg Kozol

In the 1980s, ecology groups successfully organized boycotts of aerosol spray cans. Environmental activists objected to the fluorocarbons used in these cans. These fluorocarbons, scientists discovered, destroy the earth's ozone layer.

Now ecology groups have a bigger target—automobiles.

On Friday, 15 UNO students demonstrated at the O'Daniel Motor Center on 78th and Dodge streets. The students, members of UNO's Ecology Now organization, had the same concern: the Mitsubishi Corp.'s alleged destruction of the world's rainforests.

According to the Rainforest Action Network, the Mitsubishi Corp. owns large portions of tropical logging operations in Malaysia and South America.

Holding signs that read, "The Word is Out—Mitsubishi Destroys the Rainforest," the students protested at the automobile dealership from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. They also called for a boycott of Mitsubishi cars and distributed literature documenting Mitsubishi's rainforest destruction to a manager at the O'Daniel dealership.

Jeremy Frahm, an Ecology Now member, said the demonstration is part of an international movement to protest what activists call the corporation's destruction of the rainforests. A worldwide boycott of Mitsubishi automobiles is

also underway, Frahm said.

"We're calling on Omahans not to buy Mitsubishi products," said Frahm. "We're targeting the pocketbook of the Mitsubishi Corp."

Kim Custer, manager of public relations for Mitsubishi Motor Sales America, said environmental groups such as UNO's may have the wrong target.

"The Mitsubishi Motor Corp. is not the Mitsubishi Corp.," Custer said in a phone interview from Cypress, Calif.

Custer said the Mitsubishi Motor Corp. handles only the production and distribution of automobiles. The Mitsubishi Corp., he said, is involved in various businesses—including the transportation of rainforest wood.

Custer said the two corporations are separately owned, although Mitsubishi Corp. does own a small percentage of the auto corporation's stock.

"We, of course, at Mitsubishi Motors are concerned," Custer said. "And we are doing what we can to minimize damage of the rainforests. But we have no influence over the Mitsubishi Corp."

Patricia Linert, an information representative for the Rainforest Action Network in San Francisco, defended the automobile boycott.

"The idea is that they (the two corporations)

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UNO reacts to elections Voters polled do not reflect campus apathy

By Craig Siedlik

The totals are in.

For this year's Student Government election, 954 ballots decided the outcome of an election meant to represent 16,835 students currently enrolled at UNO.

That figures out to about one vote for every 16 students.

These figures would tend to support the statement: Student apathy runs rampant on the UNO campus.

Information gathered in an informal survey conducted by the Gateway tells another story.

Although the numbers involved in this survey are too small to dispel the notion of student apathy, it does give a different view.

No matter how bad student apathy seems to be at UNO, this survey shows students who did vote tended to be involved in

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—Julie Roberts

other student activities.

The survey was taken last Friday — one day after the polls closed. Thirty students were asked these questions:

1. Are you a full- or part-time student?
2. Did you vote in the student election?
3. If you did vote, did you feel you were well-informed on the people you were voting for and the issues that were involved?
4. If you did not vote, did you know about the election at all?
5. Are you involved in any student activities?

The results of the survey were as follows:

Question 1: 29 full-time students; one part-time student.
Question 2: 25 said they did vote; five said they did not.
Question 3: Of the 25 people who did vote, 22 said they were well-informed about the election; three said they were not.

Question 4: Of the five students who did not vote, four said they did know about the election, one said he did not.

Question 5: 25 said they were involved in student activities; five said they were not.

It should be noted the 25 students who voted were not the same 25 who said they were involved in campus activities.

The numbers may agree with a statement made by business major and sorority member Julie Roberts:

"Kids who are involved in activities are more likely to know what's going on on campus."

As for the 15,881 students who did not vote, the Gateway was unable to reach them all for comment.



Accidents do happen

—Ed Carlson

Mike Collins, an electrician with UNO facilities management, was taken to the hospital for X-rays Thursday after a vehicle slid around the corner on the south side of campus by the Power Plant and crashed into the Daihatsu he was driving. Collins was released from the hospital after being checked. Information on the other driver was unavailable.

United Nations Day stresses cooperation

Program aimed at international peace

By Daren Schrat

At the UNO United Nations Day Wednesday, international students representing 16 nations were on hand to remind everyone of the significance and importance of a world-wide cooperative to create peace.

The United Nations Day included a display of various cultures ranging from Peru to Indonesia.

Art, music, food, clothing and literature from around the world were available for sampling.

Jody Manning, assistant director of international student services, has been involved with the program for more than two years. She said the United Nations plays a contributing role in a new era of world relief.

Angela Eikenberry, an international studies major involved with the International Studies Honor Society, said, "People don't realize how important international students are to them and this campus."

She said students should be aware of how much of a peace-keeping organization the United Nations is, adding more people need to realize there is more in the world than just Omaha.

Orville Menard, UNO professor of political science, was the event's guest speaker. Menard emphasized how cultural differ-

ences play a significant role in international affairs. The diversity of cultures and the need for order have always been in conflict.

He said diversity adds character to the world community. He warned how diversity can have a negative effect on world matters.

"Diversity is a virtue, but diversity also fosters disorder, diversity also fosters fragmentation, and diversity fosters violence," he said.

Menard said primary objectives of the United Nations are to seek peaceful reconciliation for disputes and overcome cultural variety with order.

He stated the organization of the United Nations was intended to avoid another world war. He said a peaceful settlement is the purpose of the United Nations.

Menard depicted the United Nations as an international town hall. He said the United Nations received a tremendous amount of criticism.

"It is significant when people can get together and share something about their cultures."

Menard said the role of the United Nations is about gaining understanding. He said the United Nations is intended to uni-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get a clue

Dear Editor:

I'm writing, first, to congratulate the UNO Maverick football team on their outstanding victory Sept. 19 when they defeated the Bears of the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) — then ranked third in the NCAA division II — by a score of 13-7.

Second, and more importantly, I would like to address two predictions and the accompanying comments offered prior to the game by two not-so-qualified *Gateway* staffers in the Sept. 18 edition.

Chad Crouch said in his mildly unamusing front-page cartoon: "The Mavs will need more than hibernation season to beat the No. 3 rated Bears. Look on to next week. UNO-7/ Northern Colorado-35."

Then, as if that wasn't bad enough, sports columnist Patrick Runge, in all his wisdom (NOT) said: "... the Mavs are falling down ... Saturday, the nightmare continues for the Mavs. Northern Colorado 55, UNO 7."

It is quite obvious to me Crouch and Runge have no knowledge of UNO's program and little, if any, about the game of football. However, had they wanted to at least pretend they did, the following are some factors which they might have wanted to consider:

- UNO has a tradition of playing tough defense. Honestly, I didn't expect the *Gateway* prognosticators to pick the Mavs

to win, but the scores were laughable. One would have to look back to the 1976 game against Northern Michigan to find a game where the Mavericks gave up as much as 55 points.

- Senior and three-year starter Paul Cech was returning, after having separated his left shoulder two games prior. The experience and confidence he would provide at his return was almost certain to produce some very positive results.

- Just two years ago, a UNC team had marched into Omaha ranked in the top 20 nationally, and a sky-high and unimpressed UNO team sent them home with a 17-10 loss — spoiling any hope UNC had of making the national play-offs.

- A UNC team had not won on UNO's field since 1975.

- A greatly improved Mav team was more than eager to avenge a discouraging 31-14 loss in Greeley last year, in which they had two punts blocked for touchdowns in the first half.

These are only the factors one could have learned had he chosen to read up a little. In fact, in order to refresh my memory while writing this letter, I, myself, sought the aid of a highly informative press release available from the UNO sports information director.

Assuming Crouch and Runge wish to incorporate any kind of sports information into their predictions, it would be prudent for them to seek out such resources in the future.

Before embarrassing themselves, they could have even witnessed a game; observed a practice; or even talked to a coach, player or anyone else who might have actually known something about UNO football.

Thankfully, UNO doesn't need the idiotic predictions of uninformed and knowledgeable sports writers from their own school to motivate them to pull an upset, but it sure must have been a sweet bonus to prove them wrong in the process.

It's nothing new; UNO football has rarely been respected by most of the fair-weather fans here in Omaha, and it's not likely to change any time soon.

Just in case you haven't figured it out by now, I'm one of those UNO Mavericks. I wasn't able to directly contribute to the Bears game since a very frustrating injury has forced me to miss the last four games of my senior season.

That game, however, was by far the hardest yet ... to stand on the sideline, able only to watch as your teammates put together arguably one of the most exciting victories in the history of UNO football is very agonizing.

Though I wasn't able to play, I can tell you it was a very proud day to be a Maverick. I only hope that others who had the pleasure of seeing it could appreciate the tremendous game put together by my coaching staff and my teammates.

I think it's safe for me to say that I speak for the whole team in thanking, wholeheartedly, all those who have faithfully supported and believed in us, and those who continue to faithfully support and believe in us.

And to people like Crouch and Runge, we say: Why don't you take out a nice student loan and go buy yourself a clue.

Kory Barr

UNO Maverick, Defensive Tackle

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Media gives daily dose of Halloween

Bah, humbug. Who needs Halloween? Wasn't Halloween designed to scare people? It doesn't do that anymore.

For young children, Halloween means finding the house that gives out the best treats.

For teenagers, Halloween means terrorizing the younger children or spreading pumpkins on the street.

For adults, Halloween means having another reason to party, get drunk and act irresponsible.

For businesses who sell costumes, candy and beer, Halloween means profit.

Last year, a group of neighbors in Pittsburgh, Penn., wanted to have Halloween outlawed because it was "satanic." Needless to say, they were not taken seriously.

Do witches and white sheets with black eyes scare us? Certainly we're not afraid of these cartoon characters. The word "boo" coming from them isn't the same as seeing them dismembered.

Society has exposed itself to a higher level of terrorism. We want psychopaths who skin their victims in movies such as "Silence of the Lambs." What the heck is "boo" really going to do to our adrenaline level?

The only time "boo" scares anyone is when you're curled up in bed alone with the latest Stephen King novel, and all of a sudden you hear a tree branch scratching at the window. Then the cat comes hurtling across the room and meows "boo" in your face.

The question remains. Who needs Halloween on Oct. 31 when we can have it all year long at the movie theatre, video store or book store? We can pick up "Halloween" I, II, III, IV, etc., or "Friday the 13th" I, II, III, IV, etc., and get the living daylight's scared out of us.

For American society to really be horrified, we need blood and guts splattered on walls. We want icicles rammed into the bad guy's eye. We want the graphic details of a sword slicing through the victim's neck, the body twitching on the ground, and the head still trying to scream.

Horror films have been around since the dawn of movies, but now they are the top money-makers. Who needs Halloween when we have this daily violence? But more importantly, what does this say about our society? It's not surprising that

ON THE 8TH DAY WITH TARA-MUIR

the victim is usually a scantily-clothed woman.

Even the "MacGyver" television series showed an ax going into a man's chest. My 8-year-old nephew thought it was "sweet."

I, on the other hand, had the sofa pillow just under my eyes so I could block the view as soon as the show looked like it was going to be gory again.

This is art, isn't it? Censorship shouldn't apply because these people who create "Terminator" and "GoodFellas" are artists. The message wouldn't be the same unless it had impact.

Now the important question arises: Is there any impact? Or has society become insensitive to gore? The research is all too confusing. None of the researchers seem to be able to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the impact exists.

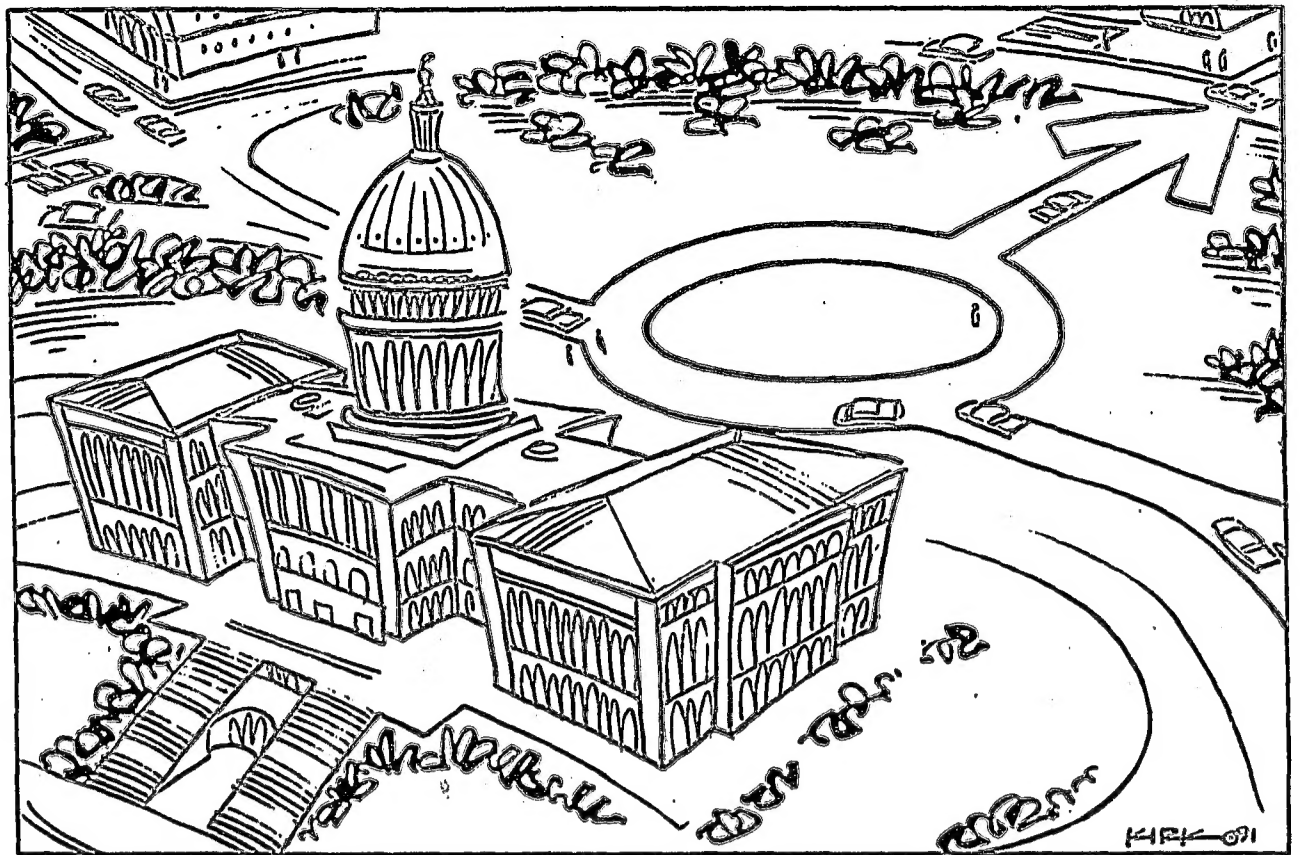
Many UNO communication professors emphasize mass media doesn't have the same influence on people as their personal and societal relationships do.

However, an article in Newsweek, April 1, 1991, reported "Leonard Eron and L. Rowell Huesmann studied one set of children for more than 20 years. They found that kids who watched significant amounts of TV violence at the age of eight were consistently more likely to commit violent crimes or engage in child or spouse abuse at 30." They said these effects existed regardless of age, gender or socioeconomic and intelligence level.

Last spring, I interviewed Edward Donnerstein, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, who had researched for many years the effects of pornography on rapists. His most recent research indicated it was never the sexual content of the material, but the level of violence that motivated rapists to rape.

Donnerstein told me, "In our society, violence is accepted and sexuality is not. We tolerate watching a person's head get blown off ... but we can not tolerate watching a bare breast. That is absurd."

I wholeheartedly agree with him. Halloween is absurd, too. Why have a pseudo-holiday for fright when we have a daily dose of it in the media? But I may be overly-sensitive. Conserva-tyrants like George Bush are enough to scare the living daylight's out of me.



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SPO needs logical solution

Last Tuesday, the Student Programming Organization (SPO) Board voted to revoke the stipend of Director Bobby Loud.

SPO's assistant director, John Heaston, said the board was concerned Loud was not doing his job properly, citing three unexcused absences and two tardies at SPO board meetings.

Loud argued it was his decision — not Heaston's — as to whether an absence is excused or not.

All right. Hold on. Some of the Gateway staff will be over with the Kleenex right away. And if you keep screaming at each other, we'll have to send you to your rooms without dessert.

Once again one of the entities of Student Government is squabbling about something or other, and once again UNO students are losing.

Does the Gateway or some other organization always have to step in with a logical solution?

Yes.

Dear Mr. Heaston:

We, the UNO student body, understand your concerns. An agency director missed three meetings with unexcused absences and showed up late twice. That isn't an effective way to run an agency.

But is it severe enough to warrant taking away \$2,500 from someone? We've heard of a substantial penalty for early withdrawal, but one for late arrival?

Now, get out your trusty calculator and divide the stipend by the number of SPO meetings per semester. The figure you have is a stipend per meeting. How about deducting the appropriate amount for each meeting missed without a valid excuse?

That seems a bit more reasonable.

Dear Mr. Loud:

Excuse us? It's your decision as to whether your own absences were excused or not?

Obviously you haven't paid attention in any government classes you've had.

Ask a political science professor to explain checks and balances to you.

You may be the director, but you must be held accountable — and not only to yourself. That \$2,500 is students' money; it comes from our Fund A student fees. We will not allow it to be paid to someone who will not take the responsibility to fulfill the position.

If you can't make it to a meeting, how about a phone call to Mr. Heaston? And Mr. Heaston, how about some understanding if Mr. Loud has a legitimate reason for not attending?

You young'uns are always fighting. Good thing there are people like us to point you in the right direction when you get off the beaten path, eh?

STAFF EDITORIAL SPO

Halloween not just for kids

Last week, I overheard a woman complaining that adults are stealing Halloween from children.

"They're hogging the fun. The stores have more adult costumes than children's costumes," she said. "Adults don't need to play dress up."

I walked through the store, minding my own business. I didn't have the heart to tell her I had purchased a Halloween outfit a day earlier.

It all started innocently. I was just shopping for a coat at the Crossroads mall when a friend dragged me into a novelty gift store and suggested we wear costumes to the bar on Halloween.

I ended up buying a cheesy, polyester Star Trek outfit. For \$25, I got a pair of loose, black tights and a skin-tight, red shirt with a neon yellow stripe running across the front. I even ordered some plastic, pointed Spock ears to pick up this week.

Times have changed. While growing up, I used to throw a sheet over my head, cut two eye

holes and say I was a ghost.

Maybe I was better off as a ghost. When I put this costume on, I looked like I was wearing pajamas. Black tights? Men (for obvious reasons) just weren't made to wear black tights in public.

The next day, on top of feeling stupid,

ANOTHER VIEW COSTUMES

this woman made me feel guilty.

Maybe instead of "hogging" Halloween by wearing a costume, I should just tackle the trick-or-treaters in the street and steal their candy.

But on Thursday, I'll probably suck it up and go out dressed as Spock. The only consolation is I won't be alone. The bars will be full of Gorbachevs, nuns, devils and

flappers. Stores actually sell these outfits to adults.

Why do we do this?

Because, as silly and childish as we look, Halloween is really the best bet for college-aged adults.

Think about it: Christmas and Thanksgiving are boring family affairs; you can blow your hand off on the Fourth of July; Hanukkah is only fun if you're Jewish; Valentine's Day is only fun if you're in love; and St. Patrick's day is actually a tribute to the guy who drove the snakes out of Ireland.

On Halloween, the children get to be Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and the adults get to be Gorbachevs.

I say that beats opening presents or carving turkey any day.

Greg Kozol is a senior majoring in Journalism.

By Amy Bull

The policy's five main principles are:

- **UNO will be guided by legal requirements and existing Center for Disease Control guidelines concerning infectious diseases in making decisions regarding these diseases.**
- **Decisions will be made, with the advice**

The faculty senate and the university lawyer had to approve the policy before it was sent to deans, directors, department chairs and the University Committee on Student Affairs.

By Amy Bull

After years of investigating, Wilkinson said he was confident it was actually the FBI

His appearance at UNO was sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta, the international history honorary society.



Orville Menard speaks at United Nations Day.

United Nations Day stresses cooperation

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formly distribute the dissatisfaction of the world and solve those problems through statesmanship, understanding, politics and tolerance.

"Without tolerance there is no politics, and tolerance is the absolute fundamental of politics," he said.

Many international students agreed the United Nations is

“Without tolerance there is no politics”
—Orville Menard

important towards achieving peace.

Rohit Gupta, director of International Student Services, said his country, India, is ready to be part of the United Nations.

He said India has the world's second highest population and would serve a worthy position on issues such as security.

Norma Rahmanzai, from Afghanistan, said her homeland supports the United Nations. She said Afghanistan and Kuwait have much in common with their need of assistance after foreign aggression.

Tuition: Not pocket change anymore

BOULDER, Colo. (CPS)—Employees at the bursar's office at the University of Colorado recently got a shock when a student pushed a wheelbarrow into the office filled to overflowing with quarters and pennies—\$1,134, to be exact.

The money? One year's tuition. The wheelbarrow driver was in a definite I'm-angry-and-I'm-not-going-to-take-it-anymore kind of mood. "It's just not pocket change anymore," read the sign taped to the side of the wheelbarrow.

The angry student was William Roberts, a senior who said the stunt was a symbolic gesture to inform the regents that tuition, which just rose 7 percent, is becoming a real problem for students.

Roberts said the money was wrapped in paper wrappers to allow for easy counting by the bursar's office employees.

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UNO VISITS ROMANIA; SEES CIV

UNO professor has front seat for civil war

By Larry Bierce

Walter Bacon had an unexpected and unwanted front row seat for the recent Romanian civil war.

Bacon, UNO professor of political science, was in Bucharest, Romania from Sept. 23 through Oct. 4 as part of a UNO delegation visiting officials from Romania's Al. I. Cuza University.

The visit was more eventful than he planned. Bacon told an audience in the Student Center on Oct. 17.

Bacon said he arrived in Bucharest as thousands of miners and other citizens staged a massive resistance to the ruling National Salvation Front. The protestors also demanded the resignation of Romanian Prime Minister Petre Roman.

Bacon said he remembered the cries of the rioters for improved wages and living conditions. Explosions of Molotov cocktails, a home-made explosive, and teargas occurred in the streets below his hotel window. "Catching the occasional acrid whiff of teargas, I decided to write down what was happening, just in case I became a victim of the violence," he said.

Bacon wrote much of what he saw by flashlight on the floor of his room in the Triumph Hotel, near the center of Bucharest.

Bacon recounted what he wrote on Sept. 24: "Quite suddenly, the explosions became closer and more frequent. At 11:30 p.m., the crowd noise grew very loud. An explosion shook my window, and I smelled teargas. I wrapped my

head in a wet towel, and stayed near the floor. I really began to feel nauseous."

Bacon said by 1 a.m. the crowd had moved away from his hotel. He went to the hotel lobby and contacted the U.S. Embassy. A Marine sergeant there told Bacon to remain in the hotel.

Bacon said he took the advice of the hotel's night clerk.

"He urged me get out of town while the getting was good," he said.

Leaving town was difficult and costly.

Bacon said he arranged transportation to the airport with the help of a hotel porter. He paid the porter \$20.

When the porter didn't show up, Bacon, with another \$20, persuaded the hotel's restaurant manager to make the trip. Not far from the hotel, Bacon and his driver saw the corpse of a student lying in the street.

"We were stopped by a group of miners," Bacon said. "They asked who I was, where was I going, and was I taking pictures. I explained who I was, and that I was there to help the country."

Bacon said he concealed his camera from the miners.

The miners let them continue their journey, and the two men arrived safely at the Bucharest airport. Bacon took a flight to Iasi where Cuza University is located.

On Sept. 27, Roman stepped down due to threats from the protestors.

Bacon said he blames much of Romania's unrest on the policies of the former communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu who was ousted in



—file photo

Walter Bacon, UNO professor, became an observer to the Romanian civil war during his visit to Al. I. Cuza University.

December of 1989 by pro-democracy revolts.

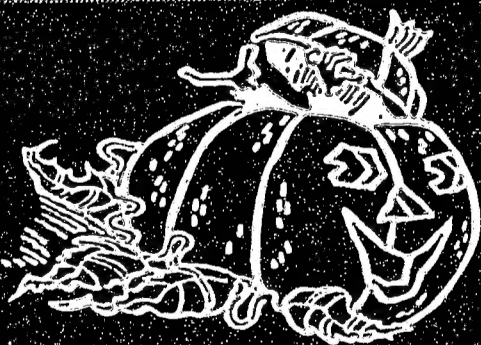
"Ceausescu's regime was the most Stalinist in the Soviet block in the 1970s and '80s," Bacon said. "They used coercion to silence dissent, stifled economic development, and earned the scorn of both the West and the East for the cruelty and stupidity of its social and cultural policies." Bacon said due to Ceausescu's rule, all the requisite networks for civil society

had been destroyed or compromised.

Bacon said the protesting miners earned about twice the typical monthly wage in Romania.

"But there is little to buy, and that which is available is subject to an annual inflation rate of around 300 percent," he said.

Bacon said he believes Romania will remain unstable at least until next spring's scheduled elections.



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UNO faculty makes front page in Romania

By Tim Rohwer

A group of business professors discussing a school's curriculum may not seem like front-page news in this country, but apparently it is in Romania.

Larry Trussell, dean of UNO's College of Business Administration, visited Al. I. Cuza University in Iasi, Romania, with several other UNO officials earlier this month.

As soon as the UNO group got off the airplane, they were met by the news media, Trussell said.

"We were on the front page of the newspapers and were interviewed by the radio stations," he said. "And once the students at Cuza University found out we were coming, they

wanted to find out how to meet us. They are very excited about Americans visiting them."

The group's week-long trip was the first of about 20 visits UNO officials will make during the next 18 months to help Cuza officials with their transition, Trussell said. The purpose of the trip was to help Cuza's business professors revise their curriculum now that Romania has gone to a free enterprise society.

The trips are sponsored by a \$193,000 grant from the United States Information Agency.

Trussell said he believes it will take about 3 to 5 years for Cuza officials to completely revise their curriculum.

"Yes, it's a long road ahead. They have to have their own style of business school," he said. "But they are more supportive to the

transition to free enterprise than in the past. All the Cuza faculty seemed to be on board. I was very satisfied with the trip."

Jack Hill, UNO professor emeritus of business management, also went on the trip and is scheduled to return to Romania for a two-week stay in November, Trussell said. Next spring, at least six business professors are expected to travel there.

Trussell said Romania is struggling with the free enterprise system with its major industries. The system seems to be emerging much quicker in small businesses, he said.

Hill agreed with Trussell's assessment.

"Romania must change some of the things they produce. But they do have the ability to make things exportable," Hill said. "For example, they do have good meat."

Trussell added, "A friend of mine at ConAgra told me his company is interested in importing canned hams from Romania."

Romanian textiles and wines are other products that could become competitive on the world market, he said.

During their visit, the group was able to travel freely throughout the country, Trussell said.

"There was a military presence, especially at the airport where we landed. But we were free to move around the country. We went past many military checkpoints, but they were all vacant. It's a much freer society," he said.

Communicating with the Romanian professors and students was not a serious problem either, Trussell said.

"We did have an interpreter with us throughout the visit. But we needed the interpreter more for their faculty than for the students," he said.

Romanian students study two languages in college, usually French and English, Trussell said.

Cuza University has an enrollment of 23,000 students, including 2,000 majoring in economic science, their term for business studies, he said.

"Their student/teacher ratio is much better than ours. Historically, colleges in communist countries have had large faculties," Trussell said.

UNO may invite Cuza University students to come to UNO in the future, Trussell said.



A Romanian radio announcer (standing) interviews a UNO delegation at Al. I. Cuza University in Romania. Seated from left: Jack Hill, Larry Trussell and Tom Goutierre. Cuza President Callin Ignat sits at the head of the table.

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Norfolk house calls

Representatives from the University of Nebraska Medical Center will visit 16 communities in the Norfolk area to help address the shortage of health professionals in rural Nebraska.

This move is part of a series of statewide meetings being held this fall to develop the Rural Health Education Network (RHEN).

The purpose of the upcoming meeting is for

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Med Center officials to assess each community's interest in RHEN and the resources that would be available in the community to provide training for students, said William O. Berndt, Ph.D., interim chancellor of the Medical Center.

Each visit will last approximately three hours and will include meetings with community leaders and health professionals, as well as a tour of the community and its health care facilities.

UNO receives hangar

U S West Communications recently announced the gift of its corporate hangar to the University of Nebraska Foundation for use by

UNO's Aviation Institute.

"UNO has laid a sturdy groundwork for strengthening the aviation students they educate, and we're delighted to be a part of that," said Jim Hawes, Nebraska vice president and chief executive officer of U S West.

The three-bay facility, located on the east side of Omaha's Eppley Airfield, can accommodate up to 25 training aircraft, including flight training facilities and office space.

For the past four years, the hangar has been used for aircraft storage.

"The U S West hangar will be most important in assisting the growth of the institute and will be used for a variety of purposes," said Bill Shea, director of the institute.

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At present, UNO has contracted with Sky Harbor for flight training and uses 11 of its planes.

Worldly writers sought

The Office of International Studies and Programs at UNO is seeking nominations for its fifth annual Andy Award, which is presented each year to a member or members of the Nebraska news media whose coverage enhances the international awareness of Nebraskans.

The Andy Award Luncheon is scheduled for Nov. 13, at noon in the William H. Thompson

Alumni House.

For further information about the nomination deadline and procedures, call the Office of International Studies and Programs at 554-2293.

Key to spread of AIDS found at Med Center

Researchers at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha have determined that when the body fights infection, the resultant activation of white blood cells can trigger the spread of the AIDS virus.

The research is reported in the Oct. 18 edition of the journal *Science*.

The study was done by Dr. Mario Stevenson and Dr. Michael Bukrinsky, both members of the Med Center's pathology/microbiology department.

Stevenson is an associate professor, and Bukrinsky is an instructor.

The white blood cells involved are lymphocytes called T-cells. The majority of lymphocytes in healthy individuals are inactive or non-dividing cells.

When the AIDS virus enters the body, it takes up residence in the lymphocytes. Once there, it is forced to sit dormant within the cell and cannot spread and grow unless the lymphocytes become active and start to divide and multiply. When the lymphocytes are called into

action to battle a cold, the flu or an infection, they become active.

As the lymphocytes divide and multiply, the AIDS virus is released. It completes its life cycle, kills the lymphocyte and goes on to infect other cells.

Opportunistic infections are able to stimulate the growth of non-dividing T-cells. When they do, they push the lymphocytes into action, releasing the dormant AIDS virus.

"We now understand one of the key molecular mechanisms by which opportunistic infections can activate the AIDS virus and accelerate disease progression," Stevenson said.

The next step will be to find a way to keep the immune system free of opportunistic infections that trigger T-cell division.

"By doing so, we can keep the AIDS virus locked in the lymphocytes in a dormant state," Stevenson said.

This is easier said than done, he said, since infections, colds, flus and viruses are a part of the normal environment.

"Our next task is to identify what the cell activation process provides that is so crucial to completion of the viral life cycle," he added.

"Once we better understand which factors are required for activation of the virus from the dormant state, we can begin to devise intervention strategies targeted to this critical step in virus replication."

Mac group booted off campus

PALO ALTO, Calif. (CPS) — The Stanford Macintosh User Group (SMUG), organized shortly after the advent of the Apple Computer in 1984, is being booted from the California campus.

School officials say the group no longer meets the requirements for a voluntary student organization because the majority of the membership is not made up of students. While half of SMUG's 400 members are Stanford students, faculty or staff, the other half are not connected to the campus.

Stanford was one of the nation's first schools to make extensive use of the Macintosh. The SMUG group can be traced back to the Home Brew Computer Club that met in the late '70s, where computer stars like Steve Wozniak showed off plans for a small computer that became Apple's first product.

Freshman policies reviewed at Citadel after 57 withdraw

CHARLESTON, S.C. (CPS) — The Citadel is undergoing a "healthy evaluation" after its president asked the military school's governing board to review the Fourth Class system.

The system, found at all U.S. military schools, calls for freshmen to follow a rigorous drilling and study schedule and says they should be referred to as "knobs." The system forbids hazing, defined as laying hands on a cadet.

"We just want to make sure that the system is serving what it's supposed to do," said Col. Ben Legare, public relations director.

The system received some recent attention because 57 freshmen have withdrawn from school so far this year. Although that

number reflects the yearly average of departing first-year students, the departing students gained more attention because "they are high visibility students as athletes," Legare said.

The school found one outgoing athlete was punched by another cadet and is trying to identify the cadet who committed the assault.

South Carolina dethrones homecoming tradition

COLUMBIA, S.C. (CPS) — The University of South Carolina (USC) is joining the ranks of schools that have decided to dethrone the tradition of homecoming queen.

The practice of selecting a queen for the annual alumni weekend became history at USC based on a recommendation from a student review committee, made up of student leaders from several campus organizations.

The committee's recommendation was based on the fact that few students vote in the homecoming elections and because "a lot of colleges and universities ... have viewed it as a sexist or divisive program and have abandoned it for that reason," according to a prepared statement.

Students, acquitted of sex charges, expelled anyway

NEW YORK (CPS) — St. John's University has expelled three students who were acquitted of sex charges in connection with an attack on a young woman.

According to the Rev. Donald J. Harrington, school president, the students were expelled from the Roman Catholic university in October because they "placed themselves in total opposition to St. John's code of student behavior."

In July, a jury acquitted Walter Gabrinowitz, 23, Andrew Draghi, 22, and Matthew Grandinetti, 22, of sodomy, sexual abuse and sexual misconduct.

A female student testified she was assaulted at their house in March 1990 after being forced to drink alcohol. The men said she consented to sex.

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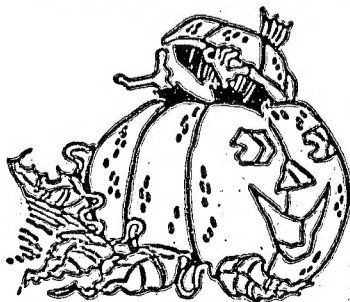
NCAA Council lowers ACT test score standard

KANSAS CITY (CPS) — The NCAA Council has lowered the minimum score requirement on the ACT test from 18 to 17 for freshman athletes.

The lower requirement will go into effect for the 1992-93 year.

The change was recommended by the American College Testing Service, according to Judy Sweet, NCAA president. ACT officials said new research has shown that a score of 17 corresponds more accurately with a 700 on the SAT.

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By Christine Johnson

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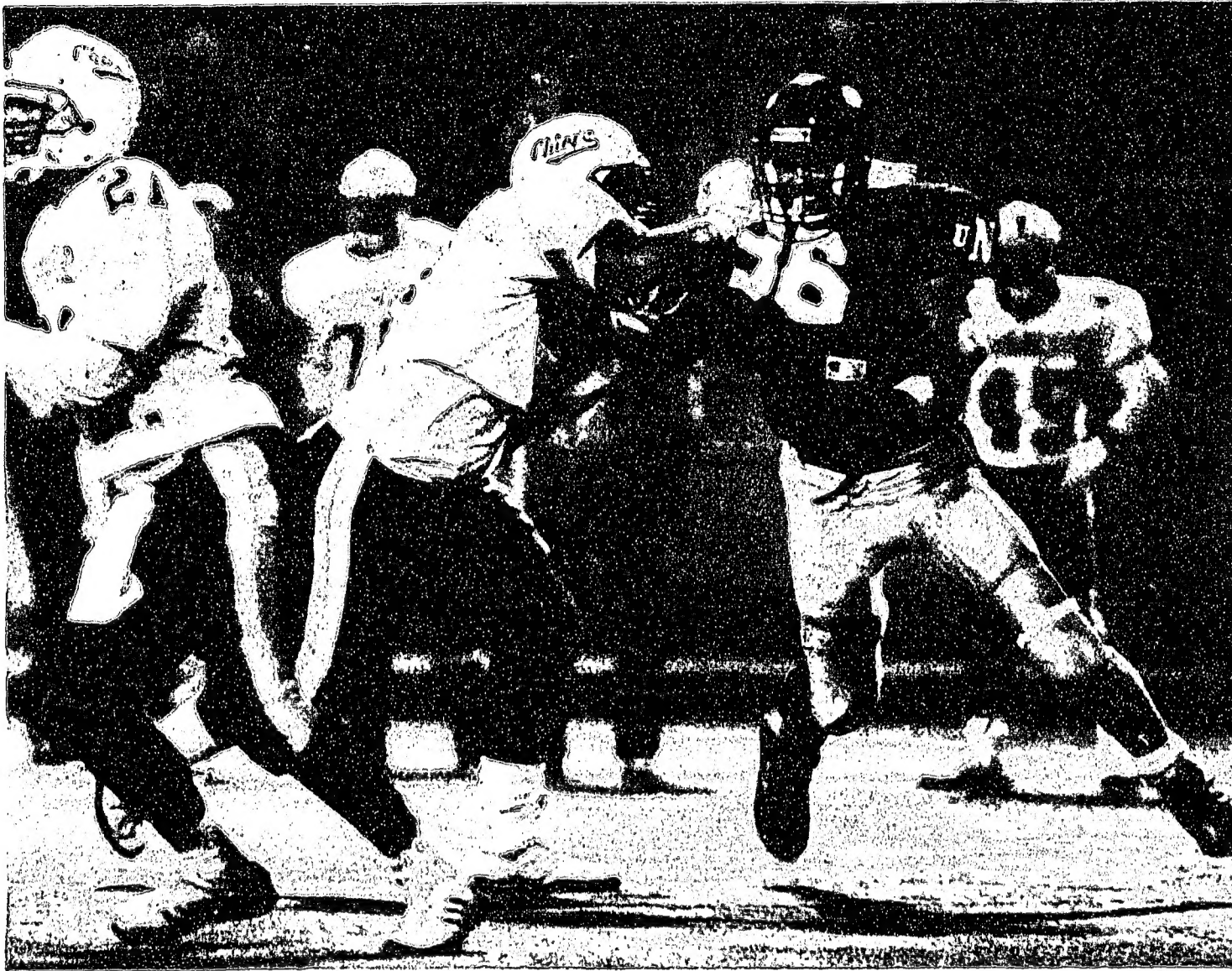
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SPORTS

Mavs overcome strong kickers to beat Morningside

By Lance Braun



—Elio Franck

Here comes Storbeck ... Defensive tackle Paul Storbeck (right fore) tries to get a handle on the Chief quarterback.

The Morningside Maroon Chiefs' kicking game was flying high, but it was UNO defensive back Mark Mattingly's high-flying that brought the Chiefs crashing down. The Mavericks came from behind to beat Morningside 27-22 last Saturday night at Caniglia Field.

The Mavericks won despite five field goals from Chief place-kicker Jorge Diaz. The five field goals broke the school record of four, set by Diaz last year in a 15-7 victory over the Mavericks.

This win, before an estimated 3,100 fans, raised the Mavericks' record to 5-3 overall, and 3-3 in the North Central Conference (NCC). Morningside falls to 2-6, and 1-5 in the NCC.

"This was just a typical NCC game for us," said Mav Offensive Line Coach Ron Pecoraro. "We knew that Morningside was a lot better than their record indicated. They were a very physical ball club, and they played us as well as anyone has played us this year," he said.

Diaz opened the scoring less than three minutes into the first quarter with a 26-yard field goal, putting the Chiefs up 3-0.

The Chiefs didn't hold the lead for long. The Mavs, on their next possession, marched 57 yards in five plays and running back Eric Hill scored from four yards out. Brian Ruch converted the extra-point, and the Mavs led 7-3.

Diaz struck twice more, hitting from 40 and 27 yards, and the Chiefs closed the quarter with the 9-7 advantage.

The Mavs regained the lead in the second quarter as Abel Fernandez scored a 1-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed, but UNO led 13-9, and carried that lead into halftime.

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UNO 5-4 in NCC

Lady Mavericks drop two in conference play

By Elizabeth Merrill

The Lady Maverick volleyball team came up empty-handed last weekend against two Top 20 teams.

UNO lost to third-ranked North Dakota State, 2-15, 7-15 and 7-15, on Friday and was defeated by twelfth-ranked North Dakota, 2-15, 11-15 and 5-15, on Saturday. NDSU tops the North Central Conference (NCC) and North Dakota is number three in the NCC.

"We knew that it was going to be tough," said UNO Assistant Coach Stephen Field. "But we were optimistic because we had won both of our previous matches."

The Lady Mavs defeated South Dakota State and North Central Conference rival Morningside in five games.

According to Field, UNO didn't stack up against either of the North Dakota schools last weekend.

"Both teams were bigger, more physical and more experienced," said Field. "They just didn't make any mistakes."

Field pointed out the biggest mistakes the Lady Mavs made in the games were mental ones. "Part of the problem was that we were focusing on the North Dakota State game all week and how we could beat them," he said. "We were so

hyped up, and after losing we kind of had a letdown. If we had played with a higher intensity level (on Saturday), we could have done some damage to North Dakota."

Field also credited the losses to a lack of strong serves. "Serving was probably the key to the whole weekend," he said. "We served poorly."

UNO outside hitter Laura Monahan agreed.

"We didn't capitalize when we had the ball," she said. "Serving is the one thing you need to win a game, and we didn't have it."

The losses brought the Lady Mavs' conference record to 5-4 for the season, but Monahan said the team should draw something positive out of the defeats. "Hopefully it will make us push harder to get our record back up there," she said.

UNO will head south on Friday to compete in the

Texas Women's Invitational. The Lady Mavs will be one of the top teams featured in the tournament.

"If we play to our potential as a team we should come out on top," said Monahan.

Field said a strong showing in Texas would be a confidence builder for the squad, which returns to the Fieldhouse on Nov. 8 to host a four-team tournament. "We need to refocus this weekend and get back on the winning track," he said. "It would give us some momentum going into our own tournament."

"We knew that it was going to be tough."
— Stephen Field



—Ed Carlson

Senior setter Pam Largen laces the ball over the net.



Slamming down a victory — All-American Marc Bauer of UNO had a hold on a North Dakota State wrestler last season.

Mavs grapple with last season's success

By Lance Brown

The UNO wrestling team is coming off what may have been their best season ever. The 1990-91 team won the North Central Conference (NCC) and Division II National Tournaments for the first time ever, had eight wrestlers qualify for the National Tournament, and had six All-Americans.

Head Coach Mike Denney was also named NCC and Division II Coach of the Year.

So what does Denney do for an encore?

One thing you won't find him doing is setting his sights on another national championship.

"I'm always trying to discourage our wrestlers from setting goals like (winning a national championship). Our main goal is to have a good performance from every person, no matter who we have in the lineup," Denney said.

The Mavericks lost seven seniors from last year's squad, including five All-Americans. Gone are Ted Nelson at 118 pounds (All-American), 134-pounder Chuck Valgora, 142-pounder Scott Ruff (NCC and National Champion), 167-pounder Jessie Smith (NCC champion and All-American), Joe Wypiszenski at 177 pounds (NCC champion and four-time All-American), 190-pounder Pat Gentzler (NCC and National Champion), and heavyweight Jason Franklin. All were starters for at least two years.

Despite losing those seven wrestlers, Denney feels experience is one of the strengths of this year's team.

"People don't really know about the guys we've got, but we've got a lot of experience because we have a ton of fourth-year juniors and fifth-year seniors," he said.

"A lot of teams will look at us and think we can't be competitive after losing that many guys, but I think we're going to surprise them. We're not rebuilding, just reloading. It's not like we're going from a high caliber bullet to a smaller caliber, either."

Denney doesn't want that bullet to be just a "flash in the dark."

"I keep telling the guys last year was last year, and that's behind us. This is this year. But I don't want them to forget the tradition we've built or what it takes to perform at a higher level. We need to be consistent, not up one week and down the next. We don't want to be just a flash in the dark."

"This year, our key is that the people who have the opportunity have to step to the front. If that happens, we're going to have one heck of a team."

One wrestler who stepped to the front last season was 126-pounder Marc Bauer.

Bauer came on strong at the end of last season, qualifying for the national tournament. Once there, the unseeded Bauer pulled off several upsets to place seventh and become an All-American.

Another returning All-American is Mark Passerat 134 pounds. Passerat was an All-American in 1989, but sat out last season. He faces a tough challenge from Billy Glenn, last year's starter at 134 pounds. Glenn posted a 19-18-1 record last season, and just missed qualifying for the national tournament.

"Billy and Marc are two of our four seniors, and both have

shown great leadership. We feel confident with either one of them at that spot for us," Denney said.

Another senior Denney is high on is 142-pounder Kevin Phelps.

"I would say one of the keys to this team is Kevin Phelps. Kevin is definitely a leader on this team and a very tough competitor. He is coming back from shoulder surgery early this fall, and keeping him free of injuries will be very important," said Denney.

The other senior is 158-pounder Blake Ford, a junior college transfer who qualified for the national tournament for the Mavs last season.

"I expect Blake to really come through for us this year," Denney said. "We tell our young guys and our junior college transfers that they need to get a year under their belts in the NCC to get a feel of how tough this conference is. Blake has that year under his belt, and we're looking for good things from him."

Denney says he's looking for good things from the entire team this season.

"I have a feeling like we're a Top Five team. I see no real weaknesses that we have. We appear to be really solid. We just don't know what our potential is yet. I think it will be an enjoyable year, and I'm really looking forward to it."

The Mavs open the season Nov. 16 in Warrensburg, Mo., at the Central Missouri State Open Tournament and host the Ryan Kaufman Memorial Open Tournament Nov. 23.

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